

Climate-Resilient Conservation of Urban Western Ringtail Possum Populations



Catio Rebates 2025 – Guidelines

South Coast Natural Resource Management are offering a rebate for cat owners to install a new cat enclosure (catio) at their property to help keep their cats safe and healthy and to reduce stress to wildlife, in particular the critically endangered western ringtail possum.

Eligible cat owners need to register for the rebate (through South Coast NRM or Albany Pet Structures) and have the enclosure installed by **14th February 2026**.

Rebates are valued up to \$440 (incl. GST) each. Please check with Renae renaev@southcoastnrm.com.au to confirm there are still rebates available and register your interest before commencing.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Rebate participants must be residents in the City of Albany in one of the following suburbs:
 - Albany
 - Bayonet Head
 - Big Grove
 - Centennial Park
 - Collingwood Heights
 - Collingwood Park
 - Cuthbert
 - Emu Point
 - Frenchman Bay
 - Gledhow
 - Goode Beach
 - Kalgan
 - King River
 - Lange
 - Little Grove
 - Lockyer
 - Lower King
 - Marbelup
 - McKail
 - Middleton Beach
 - Millbrook
 - Milpara
 - Mira Mar



- Mount Clarence
 - Mount Elphinstone
 - Mount Melville
 - Orana
 - Port Albany
 - Robinson
 - Seppings
 - Spencer Park
 - Torndirrup
 - Walmsley
 - Warrenup
 - Willyung
 - Yakamia
2. The rebate is available to participants seeking to install new enclosures only. Repairs or upgrades to existing enclosures will not be covered by the rebate.
 3. The intention of the rebate is to incentivise a complete enclosure installation which serves to adequately contain your companion cat safely without escaping. Receipts and enclosure design plans need to show that you are installing a complete enclosure. Receipts for individual components of an enclosure such as a cat door or a cat enrichment apparatus will not be covered by the rebate on their own.
 4. The design should allow for your cat to freely access the enclosure from the main dwelling at its own will. Enclosures where the owner must take the cat to the enclosure will not be supported by the rebate. See more in point 5 'free standing enclosures'.
 5. Free standing enclosures are eligible for the rebate if you can demonstrate the design allows for your cat to freely access the enclosure from the main dwelling at its own will. For example, through a cat flap and tunnel. Free standing enclosures where the owner must take the cat to the enclosure will not be supported by the rebate.
 6. Rebate participants have the option to install an enclosure as a do it yourself (DIY) project or to engage the installation services of a contractor. The local contractor is Alex Reedman from Albany Pet Structures (contact email sales@albanypetstructures.com.au and phone 0458 018 164). Alex can claim the rebate on your behalf with prior agreement from Renae van Noort at South Coast NRM.
 7. The rebate is available to current and soon-to-be cat owners. You may be seeking to transition your existing indoor/outdoor cat into a safe and enclosed environment. Or you may be seeking to create a space in preparation for adopting/beginning to care for a new cat.





8. Fence rollers, angled fence brackets and other fence extension/protrusion mechanisms will not be supported by this rebate (although they can be effective in containing your cat). These interfere with possums and wildlife as they attempt to safely traverse fence lines.
9. Cat enclosures must utilise permeable materials such as cat net to be eligible. Enclosures featuring impermeable materials such as polycarbonate sheets will not be supported by the rebate.
10. South Coast NRM reserves the right to refuse part or all of a request for a rebate at its own discretion.

Claiming the rebate

1. Register your interest before commencing with Renae renaev@southcoastnrm.com.au to confirm there are still rebates available.
2. The rebate will be paid to eligible participants by way of reimbursement or through claiming by the installer (Alex from Albany Pet Structures). There will be one payment of up to \$440 (incl GST) on completion of the following;
 - meeting eligibility requirements, **plus before photo** of the area and rough catio design (design can be communicated in writing or by a rough sketch).
 - completed enclosure installation by 14th February 2026.
 - If DIY, completion of 'Catio Rebate Completion Form' including receipt for materials showing a minimum value of \$440 or invoice from contractor who installed the catio.
 - The maximum rebate amount to claim is \$440.00 (incl GST). Eligible participants will receive payment via EFT to their nominated bank account. The rebate cannot be given in the form of cash or cheques.
3. Participants need to claim the rebate by 14th February 2026.
4. **Receipts must be dated on or after 1st April 2025 are eligible. Unfortunately, we are not offering the rebate retrospectively to existing cat enclosure owners.
5. Evidence of the complete enclosure installation must be provided to South Coast NRM by 31st January 2026 to claim the rebate up to a maximum value of \$440.00. **A photo of the completed enclosure must be provided.** For DIYers a copy of the final receipt for materials/installation will also be required. Upon successful completion of the form,





cat owners will receive the rebate up to a maximum value of \$440.00. If the final receipt is under the value of \$440.00, the reimbursed amount will be adjusted accordingly.

6. The rebate is only available to a limited number of participants, claim early to avoid disappointment.
7. Claim forms and evidence are to be emailed to Renae renaev@southcoastnrm.com.au

Note: South Coast NRM is not responsible for any costs or liabilities arising from providing the rebate for installing the cat enclosure.